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SUBJ: TANGOV REQUESTS CONCESSIONARY FINANCING TERMS ON
PURCHASE OF U.S. CORN

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1193; A-62 AND A-106

(POUCHED 6/14/74)

1. MBAGO, MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AND WESTERN
HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS, RAISED WITH DCM ON
JUNE 14 THE POSSIBILITY OF US SELLING TANZANIA 200,000
METRIC TONS OF US WHITE CORN AT CONCESSIONARY FINANCING
TERMS UNDER PL-480 OR, POSSIBLY, CCC. DELIVERY, WE
UNDERSTAND, WOULD COMMENCE IN OCTOBER.

2. MBAGO EXPLAINED THAT TANGOV DID NOT WISH TO
MAKE FORMAL REQUEST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT KNEW USG
WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH AN APPROACH. HE NOTED
APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR PL-480 TIME CONSUMING TO
PREPARE AND MFA WOULD PREFER RECEIVING INFORMAL RE-
SPONSE TO REQUEST BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER AT THIS
TIME.

3. COMMENT: REFTEL EXPLAINS GENESIS OF THIS REQUEST
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WHILE REF AIRGRAMS, WHICH SOUGHT IN PART TO ASSESS

PRODUCTION OF MORE IMPORTANT FOOD CROPS (CORN IN PARTICULAR SINCE IT IS BASIC FOODSTUFF FOR MOST TANZANIANS), PROVIDES THE BACKGROUND FOR REQUEST DISCUSSED ABOVE. IN SUMMARY, SIX MONTHS OF DROUGHT, FOLLOWED BY FIVE WEEKS OF HEAVY RAINS, HAS PLAYED HAVOC WITH FOODSTUFF PRODUCTION IN TANZANIA THIS YEAR. IN MANY CORN PRODUCING AREAS, IT APPEARS FARMERS WILL BRING IN ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THEIR NORMAL CROP. BALANCING THIS WITH AREAS WHICH MAY HAVE CLOSE TO NEAR NORMAL CROPS, WE JUDGE TANZANIA MAY HAVE AS LITTLE AS A THIRD OF IHS NORMAL HARVEST THIS YEAR. RECOGNIZING THIS, GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED JUNE 12 IT WILL IMPORT 400,000 TONS OF FOOD GRAINS DURING THIS FY.
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